



## ***Quarterly Census of RI Employment and Wages City & Town Analysis First quarter 2004***



Rhode Island total employment increased by 2,379 (+0.5%) jobs during the first quarter of 2004, averaging 462,148 workers, when compared to the first quarter of 2003. Private sector (+2,842) employment accounted for nearly all of the job growth, offsetting the 466 positions lost in the State and Federal Government sector. State employment declined by 270 positions, while Federal employment lost 196 positions. Local Government added three jobs.

The town of West Greenwich added 1,007 (+36.2%) jobs between first quarter 2003 and first quarter 2004, the most of the state's thirty-nine communities. The Manufacturing (+571) and Construction sectors (+163) account for over 72 percent of the job growth. The Professional, Scientific & Technical sector also added 130 jobs between this period.

Warwick experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 898 (+2.0%) employees from first quarter 2003. Finance & Insurance (+643) and Administrative Support & Waste Management Services (+505) were the largest gainers, offsetting the loss of 532 Manufacturing workers. South Kingstown (+681) Cranston (+492) and Lincoln (+492), round out the top five cities and towns in employment growth.

The capital city of Providence lost 522 jobs between first quarter 2003-2004. Manufacturing (-969) and Finance & Insurance (-345) reported sizable job losses.

The Health Care & Social Assistance (70,545) sector employed the most workers during the first quarter 2004. Providence employed 23,569 workers within this sector, followed by Warwick (7,542), Pawtucket (4,990), Cranston (3,358) and Woonsocket (3,250). Hospitals, which are located in the top three cities, account for a large percentage of employment within this sector. Hospital employees account for 39.3 percent of the workers in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector in Providence, 32.8 percent in Warwick and 35.4 percent in Pawtucket.

A total of over \$4.3 billion in wages was paid during the first quarter 2004, an increase of over \$100 million (+2.6) from last years first quarter total of \$4.2 billion. Private sector wages increased by \$96 million (+2.8%) while Government wages grew by \$13 million (+1.7%). The total average weekly wage in the first quarter 2004 was \$728, a \$15 increase from the \$713 earned during first quarter in 2003. Private sector wages were up \$14 (\$696) from the \$682 earned a year ago.

The employment surge in West Greenwich helped fuel a wage increase of over \$37.9 million (+89.9%). The boom in Manufacturing employment accounted for 73.1 percent (+\$27.7 million) of the wage increase. The Construction and Professional, Scientific & Technical sectors, also recipients of an employment gain, experienced a \$4.2 million wage increase each. West Greenwich led all Rhode Island cities and towns both in employment gains and in wage increase, numerically and on a percentage basis.

Warwick wages totaled over \$369 million; a \$14.7 million (+ 4.2%) increase from first quarter 2003. Finance & Insurance wages grew by \$8.6 million (+24.4%) while Construction wages increased by \$3.9 million (+22.9%). Woonsocket (+\$13.5 million), Smithfield (+\$11.5) and Pawtucket (+\$9.9 million) round out the top five cities and towns in total wage increase.

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**Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages - RI Private Sector**  
**City & Town Summary - First Quarter 2004**

	<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>
Rhode Island	34,197	395,727	\$3,581,633,010
Barrington	423	2,092	\$13,795,745
Bristol	560	5,789	\$41,429,623
Burrillville	282	2,114	\$14,016,922
Central Falls	255	2,477	\$16,399,904
Charlestown	227	1,306	\$9,735,696
Coventry	685	6,065	\$40,267,608
Cranston	2,415	28,918	\$228,265,017
Cumberland	775	7,071	\$52,351,504
East Greenwich	700	6,264	\$52,187,325
East Providence	1,437	19,844	\$174,146,954
Exeter	144	907	\$5,240,267
Foster	94	302	\$1,611,770
Glocester	177	991	\$5,734,504
Hopkinton	176	1,067	\$7,609,810
Jamestown	191	777	\$5,279,958
Johnston	1,056	10,468	\$103,754,115
Lincoln	718	12,327	\$117,362,232
Little Compton	115	346	\$2,223,467
Middletown	705	9,420	\$84,072,177
Narragansett	472	2,735	\$17,066,138
Newport	1,240	10,931	\$78,241,695
New Shoreham	187	320	\$2,531,033
North Kingstown	954	11,416	\$101,476,479
North Providence	722	7,638	\$50,807,985
North Smithfield	340	3,687	\$25,917,280
Pawtucket	1,529	25,093	\$232,991,041
Portsmouth	475	4,797	\$55,405,258
Providence	5,536	95,117	\$1,003,730,089
Richmond	130	1,213	\$7,514,244
Scituate	243	1,004	\$6,315,318
Smithfield	766	11,087	\$107,022,290
South Kingstown	965	8,762	\$70,462,001
Tiverton	383	1,981	\$13,376,095
Warren	364	4,021	\$27,348,525
Warwick	3,257	46,499	\$369,493,578
Westerly	836	8,137	\$61,097,561
West Greenwich	184	3,791	\$80,062,715
West Warwick	607	8,204	\$68,431,960
Woonsocket	854	12,984	\$137,337,166
Statewide*	3,018	7,784	\$89,519,961

\*Statewide - employment in multiple towns, at unknown locations, or outside RI.